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**MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
VIA THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE,  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**SUBJECT : Semi-Annual Estimate of the Status of the Soviet  
Atomic Energy Program**

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1. Attached hereto for your information is a copy of the current Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee estimate of the "Status of the Soviet Atomic Energy Program" which was concurred in by the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

2. In view of the President's statement at the 77th meeting of the National Security Council, "I have also directed that the distribution of NSC and CIA reports be strictly limited", only one copy of this report is being disseminated to your office. The distribution to other agencies is being made in a similar manner.

3. A less sensitive summary has been prepared and is in the process of being approved by the Intelligence Advisory Committee for more general use by planning agencies. When approved, copies of this summary will be disseminated.

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